REMARKS

Claims 1-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 26-50 are presented herein. Claims 26-50 have been added to place the claims in better conformity with United States patent practice. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification as filed and original claims 1-25. Therefore, no issue of new matter is raised. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of this application on the merits.

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[0251]

96° ethanol	20.8	g
Sodium metabisulphite as an aqueous 35% solution	0.23	g AM
Pentasodium salt of diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid as an aqueous 40% solution	0.48	g AM
Sodium metabisulphite as an aqueous 35% solution	3.6	g AM
Benzyl alcohol	2.0	g
Polyethylene glycol containing 8 ethylene oxide units	3.0	g
KH_2PO_4	0.28	g
NaH_2PO_4	0.47	g

[0252] Each composition is mixed at the time of use with an equal weight of 20-volumes aqueous hydrogen peroxide solution (6% by weight). A final pH of 7 is obtained.

[0253] Each mixture obtained is applied to grey hair containing 90% white hairs. After a leave-in time of 30 minutes, the hair is rinsed, washed with a standard shampoo, rinsed again and then dried.

[0254] The following dyeing results were obtained.

	Example					
	156	157	158	159	160	161
Shade observed	orange-brown	strong blue-grey	strong blue-green	violet-grey	strong violet-grey	strong violet

~~1. A meter for monitoring consumption of a resource, the meter comprising:~~

~~processing and memory means for determining and storing a supplier measure of consumption of the resource;~~

~~a communication link for enabling a supplier to access the stored supplier measure under the control of a first access control means for preventing unauthorised access to the stored data, the meter further comprising:~~

~~consumer data memory for storing consumer data including a consumer measure of consumption; and~~

~~second access control means for enabling a consumer to access the stored consumer data without permitting the consumer to modify the stored supplier measure of consumption.~~

~~2. A meter according to claim 1 further including a metering assembly providing output signals indicative of consumption to the processing means.~~

~~3. A meter according to claim 2 wherein the meter is integrated with the metering assembly.~~

~~4. A meter according to claim 1 arranged to permit the consumer to access the data over the same communication link as the supplier.~~

~~5. A meter according to claim 1 wherein the communication link comprises a telecommunications link.~~

~~6. A meter according to claim 1 wherein the processor is arranged to enable the consumer measure to have different resolution or measurement units to the supplier measure.~~

~~7. (canceled)~~

~~8. A meter according to claim 1 wherein the processor is arranged to maintain a consumer log of consumption for access by the consumer.~~

~~9. A meter according to claim 1 further comprising means for communicating a message from the consumer to the supplier or vice versa.~~

~~10. (canceled)~~

~~11. A meter according to claim 1 arranged to monitor fluid flow, wherein the consumer measure is arranged to permit detection of leaks.~~

~~12. A meter according to claim 1 including means for notifying a consumer of an alarm condition.~~

~~13. A meter according to claim 12, wherein the means for notifying includes means for providing a visual or audible indication locally connected to the meter.~~

~~14. A meter according to claim 12, wherein the means for notifying includes means for sending a message, preferably an SMS message to a remote destination.~~

~~15. (canceled)~~

~~16. A method of configuring a meter having a metering assembly, a processor, memory and a communication link, the meter being configured to provide remote access to a stored supplier measure of consumption in the memory by an authorised supplier following supplier authentication, the method comprising configuring the meter to permit remote access to stored data including a consumer measure of consumption by a consumer following consumer authentication, wherein the consumer is not permitted to modify the supplier measure stored in the memory.~~

~~17. (canceled)~~

~~18. A method of operating a meter comprising:~~

~~determining and storing a supplier measure of consumption of the resource;~~

~~permitting a supplier to access the stored supplier measure under the control of a first access control means for preventing unauthorised access to the stored data, the method further comprising:~~

~~storing consumer data including a consumer measure of consumption; and~~

~~permitting a consumer to access the stored consumer data without permitting the consumer to modify the stored supplier measure of consumption.~~

~~19. A computer program or computer readable means or a downloadable program fragment comprising instructions for use in the method of claim 16.~~

~~20. A computer program or computer readable means or a downloadable program fragment comprising instructions for use in the method of claim 18.~~

~~21. A meter for monitoring consumption of a resource, the meter comprising:~~

~~processing and memory means for determining and storing a supplier measure of consumption of the resource;~~

~~a communication link for enabling a supplier to access the stored supplier measure under the control of a first access control means for preventing unauthorised access to the stored data,~~

~~the meter further comprising:~~

~~consumer data memory for storing consumer data including a consumer measure of consumption; and~~

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~~second access control means for enabling a consumer to access the stored consumer data without permitting the consumer to modify the stored supplier measure of consumption;~~

~~said meter being arranged to store consumer configuration data.~~

~~22. A meter for monitoring consumption of a resource, the meter comprising:~~

~~processing and memory means for determining and storing a supplier measure of consumption of the resource;~~

~~a communication link for enabling a supplier to access the stored supplier measure under the control of a first access control means for preventing unauthorised access to the stored data, the meter further comprising:~~

~~consumer data memory for storing consumer data including a consumer measure of consumption; and~~

~~second access control means for enabling a consumer to access the stored consumer data without permitting the consumer to modify the stored supplier measure of consumption;~~

~~the meter being further arranged to provide service access under control of a third secure access means, and the service access enabling access to parameters which are not adjustable by the supplier access or the consumer access.~~

~~23. A meter for monitoring consumption of a resource, the meter comprising:~~

~~processing and memory means for determining and storing a supplier measure of consumption of the resource;~~

~~a communication link for enabling a supplier to access the stored supplier measure under the control of a first access control means for preventing unauthorised access to the stored data, the meter further comprising:~~

~~consumer data memory for storing consumer data including a consumer measure of consumption;~~

~~second access control means for enabling a consumer to access the stored consumer data without permitting the consumer to modify the stored supplier measure of consumption; and~~

~~means for notifying a consumer of an alarm condition wherein the alarm condition comprises a consumption in accordance with a predetermined condition configurable by the consumer.~~

~~24. A method of configuring a meter having a metering assembly, a processor, memory and a communication link, the meter being configured to provide remote access to a stored supplier measure of consumption in the memory by an authorised supplier following supplier authentication, the method comprising the steps of:~~

~~configuring the meter to permit remote access to stored data including a consumer measure of consumption by a consumer following consumer authentication,~~

~~wherein the consumer is not permitted to modify the supplier measure stored in the memory, and~~

~~wherein the configuring step comprises updating the software of the meter.~~

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